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WHAT VIEWERS MISSED: CBS News, for time reasons, had to cut lots of footage from Friday's "Who Killed JFK?" And that included the following from former CBS anchor **Walter Cronkite.** Cronkite was explaining how he choked up while breaking the assassination news to the nation. "I left the desk and went into the office. Well, there was already somebody on the line, some woman saying, 'Hello, hello, hello.' And I said, 'Hello.' And she said, 'I'd like to speak to somebody in charge of CBS News.' And I said, 'Well, you're speaking to the news department.' And she had this very heavy Park Avenue accent. She said, 'Well, I'd like to register a complaint. You've got that Walter Cronkite on the air right now, crying his crocodile tears when we all know he hated John Kennedy.' And I said, 'Madam, you're speaking to Walter Cronkite. And you, madam, are a goddamn idiot.'"

CRONKITE